(MR. SPEAKER)

in this offhand manner. Anyhow, I wish to say that I associate myself with the sentiments contained in the letter, *viz.*, that the country has really suffered a loss in the demise of this great patriot. I have no doubt I am voicing the feelings of everybody present in this House.

Member's Representations.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA (Sira).—Sir, on Saturday last when the Food Minister made a statement on the drought conditions in the State, you were pleased to observe that you would allow us to ask clarifications.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Chair has not forgotten it.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—After some time, it will lose its significance. May I therefore request the Chair to permit us to ask some clarifications ?

(*Sri S. Gopala Gowda rose*).

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have not called upon the Hon'ble Member. He cannot get up and begin to speak. If he wants to raise a point which is not on the agenda, I have made repeated requests to members to kindly meet me in the chamber. Without knowing what it is going to be, if members get up and speak, it is embrassing to the Chair.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA (Maddur).—Yesterday, we were told that we would get clarifications from the Government today and in the normal course, it should have found a place in today's list of business. I do not know how it has not found a place.

Mr. SPEAKER.—So far as clarifications are concerned, it is not a matter for inclusion in the agenda. Under what rule is it to be included in the agenda ? Being such an important matter, going out of the way I said, I would allow members to ask for clarifications. If it is made a source of grievance, it is really embarrassing.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—You have said, Sir, that since there was no formal motion, it could not be included in the agenda. Nonetheless, if the Food Minister is ready, and he is always ready, we may be allowed to get clarifications from him since this is a very important matter.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I will try to accommodate. Yesterday, a point was raised that so far as the discussion of the motion moved by the Hon'ble Minister and the amendment moved by Sri Krishna are concerned, the two should be isolated and that the amendment alone should be debated upon in the first instance.

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO (Mysore City).—Before you give a ruling, I may be permitted to say a few words. Once you give a ruling, it is the last word on the subject and we will be at a loss to express our

views on the matter. I therefore earnestly request you to allow us to express our views so that you can give your considered opinion after hearing us.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Was he not one of the persons who participated yesterday ?

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—No, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I am sorry I do not have a copy of the yesterday's proceedings in front of me.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Tomorrow, the Finance Minister is presenting the Budget and day after tomorrow, the general discussion on the Budget will take place. If you say that we can refer to it in the general discussion on the budget, then we lose our right to ask clarifications on the statement made by the Hon'ble Food Minister.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I did not say that I will not allow the Member to have clarifications to day. How it has come about the House is fully aware. If the Bill was over, today we would have been in a different position.

Sri S. SIVAPPA (Shravanabelagola).—Allowance of a clarification on the statement of the Food Minister has been conceded. This comes first. When you have agreed, we shall take it up. The question is whether the situation of food is more urgent and important or a Financial Bill like this raising the States revenue, is important ? These are two issues before us. Whether the drought conditions in the State are more important or a measure to impose tax on the people is more important is a matter for consideration. You have been very gracious and reasonable in saying that 'I am going to allow it and we shall take up tomorrow as the members are not ready.' You said yesterday like that. This should get priority as the scarcity conditions are prevailing in the State.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I am thankful to the Leader of the Opposition for the very kind sentiments he mentioned by saying that I was gracious enough to say that it is to be taken up tomorrow. After all, I discharged the duties of the speaker. When this is to be taken up and whether this clarification should be taken up now is to be considered now. Sri Shivappa referred to a point of order. The point of order takes precedence. Point of order have been sufficiently discussed practically threadbare yesterday.

Sri G. V. GOWDA (Palya).—I was not allowed to support.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The members may kindly peruse Rule No. 311. It deals with the point of order.

Speaker's Ruling *re* : the Procedure for consideration of at Motion and the Amendment to elicit public opinion on Bills.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is not as a matter of right I am trying to hear. Yesterday, Sri Annarao referred to sub-rule and explained how the